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THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN OUR NEWSLETTER!

T/S RESOURCES

August 1985

by Andy Kosiorek

Sinclair

Various UK magazines report that the relationship between Sir Clive and his new owner appear to be good. However there are many problems to be resolved. Example - Timex laid off 400 Spectrum Plus assembly workers because of poor sales.

Disk Drives

Both Aerco and Portugal Disk Drives are starting to reach actual users. Some users comments are; The Aerco system is good, but the DOS is not fully developed, and the instructions are very sparce, also the interface is uncased. The Portugese Drives DOS is excellent, but requires a lot of practice to use succesfully. The first shipments have the Spectrum buss configuration so they require a adapter board. If all goes well, I hope to be able to demonstrate a Drive at the Sept. meeting.

Modem Software

An excellant enhancement for the 2050 Modem software "MTERM-Smart II" has just been released. Titled "LOADER IV", the program features automatic redial of up to 20 phone numbers, auto loading of all numbers + system parameters, and the ability to load text files from Tasword II into the buffer. Documentation is good. At \$7.95 this software is a best buy. Order direct from the author -

Kurt A. Casby 25 Battle Creek Court St. Paul Mn. 55119

I have a correction from last month! On page 6 there is a reference to a magazine called the COMPUTER SMYTH. The address listed is MRONG! The error is that they are located in New Hampshire NOT New York. The full address is: PO BOX 176, Peter Borough, NH, 03458. Max Schoenfeld called to let me know of this.

CLUB NEUS

AUG. 29,1985

BOARD OF TRUSTESS FORMED:

At the Friday, Aug.17th west side meeting a Board of Trustees was formed to provide guidence and direction for the "club". The following members have agreed to serve as trustees.

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The trustees will meet monthly immediately after the regular west side group meeting. All trustee meetings are open to all members in good standing

At the first meeting the following persons were electd or
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There was a general discussion about establishing a Budget to cover the Clubs expenses. Our principal expenses are the news letter, the Bulletin Board, and meeting location rental fees. Our sources of income are membership dues, and hopefully, newsletter adds. This and other matters will be discussed at the next meeting on Sept. 21st. After three years of an informal but successful existence, it is now up to the trustees to provide new directions and support for the Club.

Andy K. - pres.

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EDITORS MOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

Hi all! As you can see, our newsletter, the RAMTOP is getting bigger and better! I want you to please note that we now are including PAID ads in the RAMTOP! This will help us to grow even bigger and better! BUT don't skip over these ads! We all should try our best to be LOYAL to advertisers! They are important to us! Byte Back is a VERY reputable company and from the reviews I have seen, their products are well worth the money! Dave Hoshor feels that the 007-SPY is the best for copying programs for backup. He also that it is better than File Copu If you purchase from them, MAKE SURE THAT YOU TELL THEM YOU SAW IT IN THE RAMTOP!!!

As many of you know, we represented Timex/Sinclair at the Quaker Square computer fair. Tom Simon, Max Schoeenfeld, Clarence Lucht, and I were there Sat. and Chris Raynak and Dave Hoshor were there Sun. handed out over 100 imformation sheets with imfo about our group, a couple of programs and a cut out to send for a free RAMTOP. We also had several people pay dues right there for a years subscription! WELCOME to our NEW members! We are dedicated to bringing you quality news, reviews, programs, and the latest that we can dig up! I want you 1000/1500, ZX-81 people to know that as long as there is one BIT of material for your systems, we will back you up! I learned most of my programing on the ZX-81. They will live on for a long time yet! I know that many of you 1000/1500 people have the word processor program in this issue, but Roy has a few changes and I'm sure that it may be of benefit.

want ALL of that you contribute with your articles, that we all REALLY appriciate uour efforts! Keep those articles coming! I future issues you will see more ads, programs, software updates, hardware projects, reviews, news, and LOTS more! THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!! TAKE CARE ALL!!!

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Among their offerings are English computer magazines at \$4 each or 3 for \$10.50. They also have Softaid, a group of ten Spectrum programs, the proceeds of which are sent to African famine relief, for only \$9.95. Curry Computer's prices include shipping.

ZX GUARANTEED offers a Spectrum tape copier that will copy programs with pulsed headers or fast loaders. It won't copy every program, but it's the best copier I've seen to date. The program costs £7.00 or \$15.00 by airmail.

ZX Guaranteed 29 Chadderton Dr. Unsworth, Bury, Lancs. BL9 8NL England Here is a GREAT article! I hope you will take the time to write to Eric and express your appreciation to him!!!

ON-LINE with Eric Yruegas

BASIC PRIMER

Welcome to the BASIC PRIMER! This month, I am going to discuss using the PRINT statement with variables.

As you know, the PRINT statement is used to print things onto the screen. Last month, you learned how to print numbers and text messages. Now I'll show you a different way to do the same thing.

Before I do that, a quick review of VARIABLES is in order. A variable is a place in the computer's memory for temporary storage of data. In layman's terms, that means that there is a place in your computer to put things, so that you can get them back later when you need them.

There are two types of variables: STRINGS, which can hold anything (numbers or text), and NUMERIC, which is restricted to numbers only.

Using variables with the PRINT statement is very easy. All you must do is substitute the variable for the data to be printed. Let me give you an example:

PRINT "HELLO"

becomes

PRINT A\$

NOTE: Before you can use the PRINT statement with A\$, you must "set up" A\$ beforehand, by using the LET statment. Example:

10 PRINT "HELLO"

becomes

10 LET A\$="HELLO" 20 PRINT A\$

That's all there is to it! There are a few tricks you can do with variables too. You can print more than one string at once! Look at this:

10 PRINT "HELLO THERE"

can become

10 LET A\$="HELLO "

^--(space)

15 LET B\$="THERE"

20 PRINT A\$+B\$

Neat, huh? You would get the same thing on the screen with either program. The same thing applies to the NUMERIC variables, too. Example:



10 PRINT 12345

can become

10 LET A=12345 15 PRINT A

Simple enough? That same trick I used with the string variable still applies:

10 PRINT 100

can become

10 LET A=90

15 LET B=10

20 PRINT A+B

You can substitute any two numbers that add up to 100 for the 90 and the 10 in lines 10 and 15. You can even combine strings and variables, if you so desire. Here's one way:

10 LET AS="MY NUMBER IS "

^--(space)

15 LET A=25 20 PRINT A\$+A

Type that one in your computer, and see what happens. This concludes the BASIC PRIMER for this month. Drop me a line (see address at the end of this column) if you need help, or if you have a question.

ADVANCED PROGRAMMING

Here we are again, in the Machine Code Corner. This month, I am going to show you some ROM routines that use the TS2040 printer! But first, an apology.

Last month, I gave you two routines that scrolled part of the screen left and right. For one reason or another, the BASIC loader did not get printed. For those who looked all over the newsletter for it, please forgive me. You will find it at the end of this month's column, along with a reprint of the HEX codes and mnemonics.

Now some of you, I am sure, know how to print things to the printer from machine code already. For those of you who do not, this month's discussion should help you along.

First, the PRINTER BUFFER. Located at 23296 decimal, 5800 hex, it contains information to be dumped to the printer itself. The buffer is only 256 bytes long (FF hex), so the computer can send only so much at one time.

The buffer is set up just like the display file (oh no!), only it is one line of data. 32 bytes wide, and 8 bytes deep, exactly like one line in the display file. This allows you to send bits of information to the printer, instead of just



character codes, like other printers.

Now we get to the good stuff. The printer dump routine itself is not that long, if you don't count the subroutines that it uses. It is located at 2595 decimal, or OA23 hex. This routine simply takes what is in the printer buffer and sends it to the printer. Then it clears the buffer and returns to where it came from. For those of you who go through the function dispatcher for the printer routines, you no longer need to punish

youself with such travesty! You can go straight to the source.

The COPY command from BASIC is just as easily done in machine code as it is to type COPY from the keyboard. The routine to do it is located at 2562 decimal, OAO2 hex. It sets up a loop (for the 22 lines of the screen to be copied), loads the printer buffer with the first 8 "scan" lines (when I say "scan" lines in this column, I mean the 8 horizontal bytes used to form a character on the screen) of the display file, and calls the printer dump routine. Then it counts down the loop, loading the buffer with the next line of data from the display file, dumping it, and so on and so forth until all 22 lines are copied. But what about the bottom two lines of the screen? There are a lot of programs that use those lines and how in the world can I get them to the printer? Read on, my friend...

There is a way to print all 24 lines of the screen to the printer, but it requires just a teensy bit of preparation to do so. Also, you need to call a different address in the ROM. Here is what you need to do. Load your hex loader or assembler, or if you don't have one, get out the BASIC loader below and type the routine in. After doing so, PLEASE (!!!) save it to tape. Here is the HEX codes with mnemonics, with the BASIC loader following:

24 LINE SCREEN DUMP

(THIS ROUTINE CAN BE LOCATED ANYWHERE IN MEMORY)

F3 DI ; TAKE OUT INTERRUPTS 06C0 LD B,C0 ; LET B=192 CD050A CALL 0A05 ; RANDOMIZE USR 2565 C9 RET ; BACK TO CALLER

10 FOR N=65350 TO 65356: READ X: POKE N,X: NEXT N 15 DATA 243,6,192,205,5,10,201

There you have it. All 24 lines to the printer. You can change the 192 in the BASIC loader or the CO in the hex listing, so that you could copy only 8 lines of the screen... Just change it to 64 decimal in the BASIC loader and in the hex listing, to 40 hex. Very simple!

If you want to print more or less than that, all you must do is change the B register to however many "scan" lines you want printed. Keep in mind that it counts from the top of the screen, so you can't copy the middle of the screen, unless you use yet another routine...

The next routine I am going to give you can be used to copy nearly any part of the screen, 32 columns across (I haven't

worked out a way to print only 16 columns yet).

You must first find out the address of the first byte to copy (it can be anywhere in the display file), and then find out how many "scan" lines you want to print.

Then you call the ROM routine! Here it is:

PART-COPY ROUTINE

(THIS ROUTINE CAN BE LOCATED ANYWHERE IN MEMORY)

21NNNN	LD HL,NNNN	; HL=START OF COPY
06NN	LD B,NN	; B=# OF SCAN LINES
F3	DI	; TAKE OUT INTERRUPTS
CD080A	CALL OAOB	; RANDOMIZE USR 2568
C9	RET	; BACK TO CALLER

10 FOR N=65350 TO 65359: READ X: POKE N,X: NEXT N 15 DATA 33,NN,NN,6,NN,243,205,8,10,201

NOTE: "NN" MEANS YOU PUT IN YOUR OWN NUMBERS OR ONES OFF OF THE FOLLOWING TABLE!

Here are some key spots on the screen:

HEX 4000 4020 4040 4060 4080 40A0 40C0 40E0	DECIMAL 16384 (0,64) 16416 (32,64) 16448 (64,64) 16480 (96,64) 16512 (128,64) 16544 (160,64) 16576 (196,64) 16608 (224,64)	COMMENT: AT 0,0 AT 1,0 AT 2,0 AT 3,0 AT 4,0 AT 5,0 AT 6,0 AT 7,0	
4800 4820 4840 4860 4880 48A0 48C0 48E0	18464 (32,72) 18496 (64,72) 18528 (96,72) 18560 (128,72) 18592 (160,72) 18624 (196,72) 18656 (224,72)		
5000 5020 5040 5060 5080 50A0 50C0 50E0	20480 (0,80) 20512 (32,80) 20544 (64,80) 20576 (96,80) 20608 (128,80) 20640 (160,80) 20672 (196,80) 20704 (224,80)	AT 16,0 AT 17,0 AT 18,0 AT 19,0 AT 20,0 AT 21,0 AT 22,0 - INPUT AREA AT 23,0 - INPUT AREA	•

Well, there you have it. All you have to do is copy the numbers in parentheses () off of the table and into the BASIC loader. Then set up the B register with the number of scan lines, and call the routine!



That is just about it for this month. Send comments to:

ERIC YRUEGAS 4706 LANGLEY AVE. WHITEHALL, OH 43213

Now, for that BASIC loader for SCREEN SCROLL:

1 REM SCREEN SCROLL- USR 65280 FOR LEFT, USR 65298 FOR

5 CLEAR 65279

10 FOR N=65280 TO 65315: READ X: POKE N, X: NEXT N

15 DATA 33,255,71,14,32,167,203,22,43,13,32,250,62,64,188,32,24

2,201

201

20 DATA 33,0,64,14,32,167,203,30,35,13,32,250,62,72,188,32,242,

Here is the HEX dump:

FF00 21FF47 FF03 0E20 FF05 A7 FF06 CB16 FF08 2B FF09 OD	TOP THIRD TO LD HL,47FF LD C,20 AND A RL (HL) DEC HL DEC C	D THE LEFT ; HL=18431 ; C=32 ; CLEAR CARRY ; SEE JULY NEWSLETTER ; HL=HL-1 ; C=C-1
FFOA 20FA FFOC 3E40 FFOE BC FFOF 20F2 FF11 C9	JR NZ,FF06 LD A,40 CP H JR NZ,FF03 RET	; GOTO FF06 IF C<>0 ; A=64 ; IF A=H THEN SET Z FLAG ; GOTO FF03 IF H<>A ; BACK TO CALLER
FF12 210040 FF15 0E20 FF17 A7 FF18 CB1E FF1A 23 FF1B 0D FF1C 20FA FF1C 3E48 FF20 BC FF21 20F2 FF23 C9	TOP THIRD TO LD HL,4000 LD C,20 AND A RR (HL) INC HL DEC C JR NZ,FF18 LD A,48 CP H JR NZ,FF15 RET	; HL=16384 ; C=32 ; RESET CARRY FLAG ; SEE JULY NEWSLETTER ; HL=HL+1 ; C=C-1

This is Eric's first article for us. I sure hope he will send us more! THANKS ERIC! I can see that you spent a lot of time on this one. It is very well thought out!

Here is another Very helpful article by Dave Hoshor. I'm sure that you will find it quite interesting!

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TECHNIQUES FOR CALLING USR ROUTINES

If you've examined some of your programs for any of the Sinclair computers containing machine code, you've probably seen machine code routines called in a variety of ways. The most common calls are:

RANDOMIZE USR n or LET A = USR n

where "n" represents the address where the machine code is located.

How do you know which way to call a USR routine? The purpose of this article is to explain why USR routines are called in the ways that they are, and to suggest some alternate ways of calling USR routines.

THE BASICS

As you probably know, the heart of Sinclair computers (QL's excepted) is the Z80 microprocessor. When using BASIC in our programs, we are communicating with Z80 in an indirect way. Our commands are "interpreted" by the ROM into instructions that are meaningful to the Z80 microprocessor. The extra step of interpreting the BASIC program takes times and means that BASIC programs run slower. Sinclair computers allow us to execute programs that are directly executable by the Z80 microprocessor by use of the USR function. The USR function removes us from the safety of BASIC, since you can easily cause the computer to crash. Don't worry, you can't hurt the computer, but you can easily lose a program painstakingly entered into the computer. You are working without a net when you run machine code programs. The results are breathtaking when the program works, but until your program is fully debugged, you are only a step away from disaster. For this reason, SAVE your machine code programs before running them.

When invokins the USR function, we are telling the computer to execute a machine code program at a specific address. Inside the Z80 microprocessors, there are three "register pairs" that can hold any integer between 0 and 65535. These register pairs are called the HL, DE, and BC registers. (There are some other registers, but they are more difficult to use.) When we write machine code programs, we manipulate the contents of these registers, and the contents of RAM to some useful purpose.

WHAT HAPPENS ON RETURNING TO BASIC FROM A USR ROUTINE?

In most cases, after finishins a USR routine, we return to BASIC. On returning to BASIC, THE CONTENTS OF THE BC REGISTER PAIR ARE INTERPRETED AS A NUMBER. This fact allows us to pass information from our machine language routines back to BASIC.

Let's write a program that does nothing but load the BC resister pair with the number 50 decimal, and return to BASIC. (This will work on any Sinclair computer.)

Enter:



POKE 30000,1 POKE 30001,50 POKE 30002,0 POKE 30003,201

To the Z80 microprocessor, this program means, load the BC register

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with 50, then return. In Z80 mnemonics this is abbreviated as:

LD BC,32 (that's 50 in hexadecimal) RET

Now let's prove that the contents of the BC resister are interpreted as a number on return to BASIC. Enter:

PRINT USR 30000

The computer will print 50. Try entering:

LET A=USR 30000 PRINT A

Asain the computer prints 50, but this time the contents of the BC resister has been assigned to the variable A.

A common USR call is:

RANDOMIZE USR n

The effect of this call is to put the contents of the BC register in the system variable SEED. SEED is used to provide a number for random numbers. To see the results of RANDOMIZE USR 30000 enter:

TS 1000, TS 1500, ZX-81 version PRINT PEEK 16434 + PEEK 16435 * 256

TS 2068, SPECTRUM version PRINT PEEK 23670 + PEEK 23671 * 256

Asain, the computer prints 50, the number that has been stored in SEED. (You can find the system variables by looking in the appendix of your manual.)

You should be careful when using the RANDOMIZE USR n command. If you are using random numbers somewhere in your program as in a same, the RANDOMIZE USR n command may keep putting the same number in SEED time and time asain. This will mean that you will keep setting the same random numbers again and again. After using RANDOMIZE USR n, you should have another line that says RANDOMIZE or RANDOMIZE O. This will cause the number of TV frames shown since you turned your computer on to be deposited in SEED. This number should be fairly random.

In the preceding examples we have seen three common ways of calling USR routines. Now let's examine a couple more advanced methods.

ADVANCED USR CALL TECHNIQUES

Since we have seen that the BC resister pair is interpreted as a number on return to BASIC, it is possible to use USR calls in any way that a numeric arsument is valid. For example you could have a line that said:

IF USR n = 10 THEN GOTO 1000



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with a statement such as

LET A = (USR n OR USR m OR USR p)

and all three USR routines would be executed.

I enjoy storing data in strings. String storage of data has the advantage of being compact, and the Sinclair computers handle strings especially well. My favorite USR call is:

LET A\$(1) = CHR\$ USR n

It has the advantage of setting the system variable DEST to contain the address of A\$(1). This means that you can store data in strings and easily find the location of that string for your machine code routine. (DEST will also point to numeric variables, but they are quite a bit more difficult to use.) The one thing you have to remember when using DEST is that you must restore a\$(1) to some legal character code between 0 and 255. This is easily done by ending your routine with:

LD HL, (DEST) LD C, (HL) LD B, O RET

This loads the BC resister with the character that is pointed to by DEST. It is much like sayins:

LET A\$(1)=A\$(1)

One final tip on callins USR routines. If you need to set a value to a USR routine from BASIC you can always POKE it to some unused location in memory, but here is a bit more elegant way. Pass the number to memory with the RANDOMIZE function. Suppose you want to set the number 3 to the routine. Just enter RANDOMIZE 3 and the number three will be put in SEED. Then call your USR routine and have it read SEED. It's simple, and will even put two byte numbers in SEED. The one number it won't work for is zero.

Once you have learned that the BC resister is the key to returning to BASIC, you will find that your machine code routines will be more imasinative.

David Hoshor

On the next several pages we have a Word Processor for the J8-1000/1500 or ZX-81. This is a modifacation of the Word Juggler program that many of you have already. You may just be able to study this and modify the one you have. THANKS ROY!



WORD PROCESSOR FOR TS 1000--1500 BY ROY D. ZELESNIK 7/10/85

THIS IS A MODIFIED VERSION
OF THE **WORD JUGGLER** PROGRAM
LISTED IN A BOOK TITLED **THE
SINCLAIR ZX81 - PROGRAMMING FOR
REAL APPLICATIONS** BY RANDLE
HURLEY. THE AUTHOR GIVES PROGRAMMING TIPS AND LISTINGS WITH
FULL EXPLANATIONS OF SIX OTHER
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BEFORE KEYING IN THE PRO-GRAM READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS THOR-OUGHLY. YOU CAN SAVE TIME KEY-ING IN THE FAST MODE. THE PRO-GRAM ITSELF HAS BEEN USED TO PRINT THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

USER INSTRUCTIONS

TO WRITE TEXT

KEY 1 FOLLOWED BY ENTER TO SELECT (WRITE) MODE. WHEN YOU HAVE ENTERED 32 CHARACTERS THE SCREEN WILL BLANK FOR A SHORT WHILE BEFORE THE CURSOR APPEARS ON THE NEXT LINE. IT IS DURING THIS BLANK PERIOD THAT THE TEXT IS COPIED INTO THE MEMORY.

TO RETURN TO THE MAIN MENU

KEY (SHIFT)/0. NOTE THAT YOU CANNOT RETURN TO THE MAIN MENU FROM THE (EDIT) MODE.

KEY (SHIFT) /M.

TO EDIT

USE THE CURSOR CONTROLS (ARROWS)
BUT WITHOUT THE SHIFT KEY. NOTE
THAT THE (UP) ARROW MOVES THE
CURSOR UP A COMPLETE PARAGRAPH
AT A TIME WHEREAS THE (DOWN) ARROW MOVES THE CURSOR DOWN ONE
LINE AT A TIME. TO RETURN TO
THE MENU FROM THE (EDIT) MODE,
YOU MUST FIRST GO TO (WRITE)
MODE BY KEYING (SHIFT)/M.

TO FILE TEXT ON TAPE

SELECT (FILE TEXT) FROM THE MENU
BY KEYING 5 THEN ENTER. START
THE RECORDER (SET IT TO RECORD)
AND AFTER A FEW SECONDS TO ALLOW
THE MOTOR SPEED TO STABILIZE,
KEY ENTER AGAIN. THE PROGRAM
WILL RETURN TO THE MENU WHEN RECORDING IS COMPLETE. STOP THE
RECORDER. MAKE A BACKUP COPY IF
YOU WISH BY REPEATING THE OPERATION.

TO PRINT TEXT

SELECT THIS OPTION FROM THE MENU
BY KEYING 6 AND THEN ENTER. THE
COMPUTER WILL ASK FOR THE NUMBER
OF THE LAST PARAGRAPH TO BE
PRINTED - EVERYTHING FROM THE
BEGINNING OF THE TEXT TO THIS
POINT WILL BE PRINTED OUT.
ENTER THE NUMBER AND KEY ENTER.
WHEN THE SCREEN DISPLAYS (FINISH
ED), KEY ENTER TO RETURN TO THE
MENU.

TO READ TEXT

SELECT THIS OPTION FROM THE MENU BY KEYING 3 THEN ENTER. PRESS ENTER REPEATEDLY (OR HOLD IT DOWN) TO STEP THROUGH THE TEXT. AT THE END OF THE EXT THE PRO-GRAM WILL RETURN TO THE MENU.

TO DELETE PARAGRAPHS

SELECT THIS OPTION BY KEYING 4
AND THEN ENTER. YOU WILL BE
ASKED WHICH PARAGRAPH YOU WANT
TO DELETE. ENTER THE PARAGRAPH
NUMBER, FOLLOWED BY ENTER. YOU
HAVE TO CONFIRM THE DELETION BY
KEYING (D) FOLLOWED BY ENTER.
THE SCREEN WILL BLANK FOR A TIME
YOU CAN DELETE SUCCESSIVE PARAGRAPHS BY KEYING (D) FOLLOWED BY
ENTER AGAIN. REMEMBER TO RETURN
TO THE MENU AT LEAST ONCE EVERY
18 PARAGRAPHS TO AVOID CRASHING
THE PROGRAM WITH A SCREEN FULL
OF MESSAGES.

TO RESTART THE PROGRAM

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU SHOULD CRASH THE WORD PORCESSING PROGRAM (E.G. BY KEYING -BREAK-) AND IT RETURNS TO THE LISTING, RESTART BY KEYING (GOTO 3000) FOLLOWED BY ENTER.



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

THE PROGRAM ITSELF TAKES 3.5K OF MEMORY SO ONLY 12.5K ARE AVAILABLE FOR TEXT STORAGE. 57 OF THE 6 LINE PARAGRAPHS CAN BE HELD IN THE COMPUTER BEFORE MEMORY LIMITATIONS CAUSE TROUBLE. THIS IS EQUIVALENT TO AROUND 2000 WORDS, A GOOD SIZE ESSAY.

YOU WILL FIND TWO EXTRA PIECES
OF HARDWARE VERY USEFUL; A PIECE
OF BLACK TAPE TO SHOW WHERE THE
END OF LINE 7 IS ON YOUR TU AND
A PIECE OF PLASTICINE OR SIMILAR
MATERIAL TO PUT ON THE BREAK KEY
AS A REMINDER NOT TO USE IT TO
URITE A SPACE.

WHEN SETTING UP STORAGE YOU WILL
HAVE TO KEY IN 192 SPACES, BUT
YOU WILL ONLY HAVE TO DO IT ONCE
THE OTHER 56 PARAGRAPHS CAN ALL
BE SET UP USING THE PROGRAM EDIT
MODE (SHIFT)/1.

KEY IN THESE LINES:

DEVELOP A RHYTHMIC STYLE OF TYPING AND KEY IN DOUBLE LETTERS AT
THE SAME RATE THAT YOU KEY IN
THE OTHERS. THE STRIP OF BLACK
TAPE ON THE SCREEN SAVES A LOT
OF CODE AND GIVES YOU A FULL 32
CHARACTERS TO THE LINE. THE END
OF A LINE IS THE MOST AUKWARD
PART OF THE WHOLE PACKAGE BECAUSE A MISTAKE THERE IS MORE
DIFFICULT TO CORRECT. THE PROCEDURE IS:

100 LE: H\$= (KEY IN 192
SPACES - REMEMBER TO USE QUO1ATION MARKS BE
FORE AND AFTER)

AND THEN RUN THE PROGRAM TO MAKE
SURE THE STRING IS EXACTLY 192
SPACES LONG. NEXT REPLACE LINE
101 WITH:
101 RETURN

HITTING THE BREAK KEY BY MISTAKE WILL SOON BECOME A RARE EVENT BUT FOR THE MOMENT, HERE IS WHAT TO DO. THE SIGNAL IS THE REPORT CODE (D) BUT, BEING ENGROSSED IN YOUR WORK YOU WILL NOT NOTICE UNTIL THE PROGRAM REPLACES YOUR TEXT ON THE SCREEN. EITHER KEY GOTO 3000 OR KEY CONTINUE. GOTO 3000 WILL REQUIRE THAT YOU KNOU THE PARAGRAPH NUMBER. USING CONTINUE WILL MEAN HAVING TO GO INTO EDIT MODE BEFORE MOVING TO THE NEXT PARAGRAPH TO PRINT TEXT ON THE SCREEN. ONCE THE TEXT ON THE SCREEN. ONCE THE TEXT REPRINTED THE CURSOR CONTROL KEYS SOON MOVE YOU BACK TO THE PRINT POSITION.

THE SPACE ABOVE LINE 220 CAN BE
USED FOR THE MAIN PROGRAM BUT
THE LINES BETWEEN 1 AND 100 MUST
BE LEFT STRICTLY ALONE. THE PROGRAM ONLY WORKS BECAUSE THE ZX81
KNOWS EXACTLY WHICH MEMORY STORE
FIRST STRING, DAME CHARACTER BETWEEN LINE 1 AND 100 AND THE MACH
INE WILL NO LONGER KNOW WHERE IT
IS AND THE PROGRAM WILL CRASH.

NO QUOTATION MARKS MAY BE USED
WHILE WRITING TEXT. USE () INSTED, IF QUOTATION MARKS WERE TO
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WHILE WRITING TEXT. USE () INSTED OF THE STRING AND THE
STRUCTURE OF THE STORAGE WOULD
BE SPOILED, SO, YOU HAVE TO
AVOID PRESSING (SHIFT)/P.

USE THE (ZERO) OR THE DELETE KEY
AS THE SPACE KEY, DO NOT USE
THE BERAK KEY OR YOU WILL HAVE
TO RETURN TO THE MAIN MENU AND
START OVER AGAIN. USE THE LETTER
O KEY IF YOU NEED TO PRINT ZERO.

THE NEXT PARAGRAPH TO PRINT TEXT
ON THE SCREEN. ONCE THE TEXT IS
REPRINTED THE CURSOR CONTROL
REPRINTED. THE CURSOR CONTROL
REPRINT POSITION.

100 LET A\$= (KEY IN 192 SPACES - REMEM-BER TO USE QUO-TATION MARKS BE FORE AND AFTER)

101 RETURN

1) GO INTO EDIT MODE.
2) KEY 7 FOR THE LAST PARAGRAPH
3) KEY 8 UNTI THE LINE WITH THE MISTAKE IS REACHED.
4) KEY 8 OR 8 UNTIL THE MISTAKE IS COVERED BY THE CURSOR.
5) GO BACK TO THE WRITE MODE AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE.
6) GO BACK TO THE WRITE MODE AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE.
7) GO BACK TO THE WRITE MODE AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE.
8) GO BACK TO THE WRITE MODE AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE.
8) GO BACK TO THE WRITE MODE AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE.
90 BACK TO THE WRITE MODE AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE.
100 AND CHANGE IT TO 102. THEN ADD LINE (103 RETURN) ETC. UNTIL YOU REACH LINE 213. YOU WILL NOW HAVE FIFTY SEVEN 6-LINE PARA GRAPHS. NEXT PROCEDE TO KEY IN THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. GOOD LUCK.

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100 LET AS=
101 RETURN
102 LET A$="
103 RETURN
212 LET A$="
 213 RETURN
 900 LET A=198+PEEK (16396)+PEEK
(16397)*256
 900
 901
         RETURN
       CLS
IF P>57 THEN GOTO 2990
 910
 911
912
         FAST
 913
         GOSUB P#2+98
         PRINT
 914
                    A.
         G05UB P#2+100
 915
 916
917
         PRINT AS
 917 GOSUB P#2+102
918 PRINT A$
 919 PRINT AT 19,0; "PARAGRAPH ";
 920 SLOW
        RETURN
LET P=P+1
 921
 930
 931
         GOSUB 910
 932
933
         GOSUB 900
        RETURN
LET P=0
GOSUB 930
1000
1030
1040 GCCCC 350
1040 LET C=1
1050 LET L=1
1070 POKE A+C,PEEK (A+C)+128
1080 IF INKEY$<>"" THEN GOTO 108
1090 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 1090
1100 LET A$=INKEY$
1110 IF A$=""" THEN GOTO 2990
1120 IF CODE (A$)>63 THEN GOTO 1
080
         IF A$=">" THEN GOTO 1500
IF A$="0" THEN LET A$="
POKE A+C,CODE (A$)
LET C=C+1
IF C=33 THEN GOTO 1300
GOTO 1070
1130
1140
1170
1180
1190
1200
         FAST
LET
1300
1310
                 C=1
1320
          SCROLL
          FOR J=1 TO 32
POKE 16501+J+L*32+P*209,PEE
1330
1340
   (A-33+J)
1350
         NEXT
          LET L=L+1
IF L=7 THEN GOSUB 930
IF L=7 THEN LET L=1
1350
1370
1380
1390
         SLOW
1400 GOTO 1070
1500 PRINT AT 20,16;"CURSOR"
1510 IF INKEY$<>"" THEN GOTO 151
0
1520 IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 1520
1530 LET A$=INKEY$
1540 PRINT 17 20,16;"
1550 GOSUB 900
1560 POKE A+C,PEEK (A+C)-128
1570 IF A$="5" THEN LET C=C-1
1580 IF A$="8" THEN LET C=C+1
1590 IF A$="9" THEN LET C=C+5
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1 GOTO 3000

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1500 IF Ck1 OR C>32 THEN LET C=1
1610 IF A$="N" THEN LET L=1
             IF
                   A# = "N" THEN GOSUB 930
    1620
                   A$="7" THEN LET P=P
A$="7" THEN LET L=1
                                                 P=P-2
    1630
                   HAS "7" THEN LET L=1

HAS "7" THEN GOSUB 930

HAS "6" THEN SCROLL

HAS "6" THEN LET L=L+1
    1540
             ĪF
    1650
    1650
             IF
    1670
             IF L=7 THEN GOSUB 930 •
IF L=7 THEN LET L=1
POKE A+C, PEEK (A+C) +128
IF A$=">" THEN GOTO 1989
    1680
    1690
1700
    1710
1720
2990
             IF A$="\"
GOTO 1500
    2990 CLS
3000 PRINT TAB 7;"WORD PROCESSOR
    3010
              PRINT
              PRINT "KEY 1 TO WRITE TEXT"
PRINT "KEY 2 TO EDIT"
PRINT "KEY 3 TO READ"
    3020
     3040
                                   4 TO DELETE A PA
                        "KEY
              PRINT
     3050
    RAGRAPH"
              PRINT "KEY 5 TO FILE TEXT"
PRINT "KEY 6 TO PRINT TEXT
    3050
3070
                                                        TEXT"
              PRINT AE B 10 FAI
INPUT A$
IF A$="1" THEN GOTO
IF A$="2" THEN GOTO
IF A$="3" THEN GOTO
     3100
                                 THEN GOTO
                                                    1000
     3110
                                                    3200
     3120
    150 IF A$="3" THEN GOTO
3140 IF A$="4" THEN GOTO
3150 IF A$="5" THEN GOTO
3150 IF A$="5" THEN GOTO
3180 GOTO 2990
                                                    3500
                                                    4000
                                                   5000
     3200 CLS
3210 PRINT TAB 10;"EDITING"
3220 PRINT AT 5,0;"KEY PARAGRAPH
      MO."
    NO."
3230 INPUT A
3240 LET P=A-1
3250 LET A =="N"
3250 LET C=1
3270 GOTO 1610
3500 LET P=2
3510 GOSUB 910
3530 TE TNEVEVE
              IF INKEY$="" THEN GOTO 3520
LET P=P+3
     3520
     3530
     3540 GOTO 3510
              CLS
PRINT TAB 10; "DELETING"
     4000
     4010
              PRINT
    4020
             PRINT "WHICH PRAGRAPH?"
   4040 INPUT P
4050 PRINT "KEY D TO DELETE PARA
GRAPH_";P
    4030
   ##### ";P

4060 INPUT A$

4070 IF A$<;>"D" THEN GOTO 2990

4075 FAST

4080 FOR J=1 TO 192

4090 POKE 18533+J+P*209;0

4100 NEXT J
              SLOU
LET P=P+1
GOTO 4050
     4105
    4110
     4500 CLS
              PRINT "KEY THE LAST PARAGRA
     4510
     PH TO BE"
     4515 PRINT "PRINTED"
4520 INPUT A
     4520
     4530
     4540 PRINT AT 10,10; "PRINTING"
4550 FOR J=1 TO A
    4560 GOSUB J*2+100
4570 LPRINT A$
4580 NEXT J
               NEXT J
PRINT AT 10,10; "FINISHED"
INPUT A$
     4500
    4610
     4620 GOTO 2990
    5000
     5010 PRINT TAB 9;"START TAPE";TA
B 9;"PRESS ENTER"
     5020 INPUT A$
     5030 CLS
5040 LET A$="WORD PROCESSOR"
                                                               (15)
     5050 3AVE A$
5060 GOTO 3000
6000 REM WORD PROCESSOR
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I got a letter from Jack Roberts of T/S Connections last month. He wanted to set us straight about his opperation. I will thus pass this on to you. 1- T/S Connections is NOT now nor have they ever been an authorized service center for Timex. 2- Timex Products Service Dept. in Little Rock Ark. still does In and OUT of warranty service. 3- Users have the option of where to send their OUT of warranty units to.

I understand from Ted Knyszek who wrote to them. that they will sell SDME parts for the 2068 or 1000 and 1500s. From what Ted told me, I feel that you should inquire to Timex and/or T/S Connections for cost of repair before purchasing parts due to there high costs. T/S Connections has a LIMITED supply of parts so they are always hunting for new supplies. T/S Connections also has several products to enhance your computer. These are: A power switch for the 2040 printer, Stereo jack for the 2068, LED for the 2068. The Greater Cincinnati Users Group has a 2068 based BBS that is now operational and being improved daily. It will be operational nation wide with the addition of the Aerco Disk Drive System. Unfortunately, they didn't include the phone number but I will give it to you as soon as I get it. If you wish to enquire to T/S Connections for a repair, parts, or products, write to: The T/S Connection, 3832 watterson Ave... Cincinnati, OH., 45227.

Here is a program that will set up the graphics in the quotes. This is from William Walker. His address is: 6226 Walmot Dr., Huntington, WV 25705

10 REM Sampler for programers 20 REM W Simister********* ********** REM This POKE makes the key 30 200 REM Making single graphics

USR 210 DATA 48,255,49,62,62,28,20,

215 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE |SR "4"+x,y: NEXT x: REM B Eleph USR 220 DATA 0,48,56,126,95,159,18,

. 225 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE ISR "#"+x,y: NEXT x: REM C Eleph ant

230 DATA 0,12,28,126,250,249,72 .235 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE JSR "♣"+x,y: NEXT x: REM D Tree 240 DATA 16,56,56,124,124,254,1

6,16 245 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE USR "4"+x,y: NEXT x: REM E Deer 250 DATA 16,32,64,224,127,63,50

,82 255 FOR X=0 TO 7: READ 9: POKE USR "+" +x,9: NEXT x: REM H 260 DATA 4,72,223,62,8,0,0,0 265 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ 9: POKE USR "A"+x,9: NEXT x: REM I 270 DATA 8,4,2,7,254,252,76,74 275 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ 9: POKE USR "4"+x,9: NEXT x: REM J 280 DATA 0,0,0,4,72,223,62,3 285 FOR X=0 TO 7: READ 9: POKE USR "4"+x,9: NEXT x: REM K 290 DATA 0,0,2,7,126,252,76,146 295 FOR X=0 TO 7: READ 9: POKE USR "4"+x,9: NEXT x: REM K 290 DATA 0,0,2,7,126,252,76,146 295 FOR X=0 TO 7: READ 9: POKE USR "4"+x,9: NEXT x: REM P 300 DATA 224,18,32,124,126,63,1

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305 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE USR "♠"+x,y: NEXT x: REM S 310_DATA 24,126,255,255,255,126 ,24,24 400 REM Making larger graphics ********** USR ,56 56 415 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE /SR "ñ"+x,y: NEXT x: REM G 420 DATA 61,63,63,55,51,51,99,9 USR 425 FOR X=0 TO 7: READ Y: POKE USR "_#"+X,Y: NEXT X: REM L 430 DATA 0,0,0,0,0,31,63,127 435 FOR X=0 TO 7: READ Y: POKE USR "4"+X,Y: NEXT X: REM M 440 DATA 0,0,112,240,248,252,25 2,252 :,252 445 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE JSR "F"+x,y: NEXT x: REM N 450 DATA 255,255,255,255,113,96 USR ,96,96 455 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE USR "]"+x,y: NEXT x: REM O 460 DATA 222,205,199,195,195,19 USR 8,192,192 465 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE 15R "7"+x,y: NEXT x: REM Q 470 DATA 120,255,31,15,24,40,40 USR 475 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE |SR "K"+x,y: NEXT x: REM R |480 DATA 0,244,240,248,100,82,8 USR 1,208 .,200 485 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE ISR "∰"+x,y: NEXT x: REM T 490 DATA 24,60,60,126,126,126,2 READ Y: USR 55,255 495 FOR x=0 TO 7: READ y: POKE ISR "\"+x,y: NEXT x: REM U 500 DATA 255,255,255,255,126,60 ,24,24 505 GO SUB 5000

I got this from Doug Gillespie. Thanks Doug!

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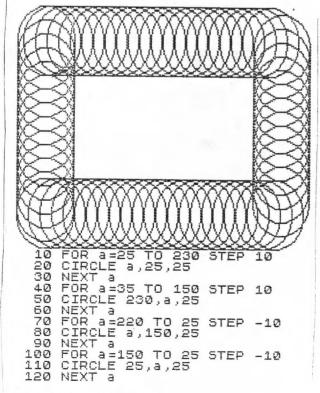
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By Doug Gillespie